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Harvest operations were stalled mid-way through the week in most regions of the province as a result of rain, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Ninety-one per cent of the 2006 crop has been harvested, up from 85 per cent last week. This is considerably ahead of the five-year (2001-05) average of 52 per cent harvested. Harvesting is furthest advanced in the southwest where 97 per cent of the crop is off, and is least advanced in the northwest where 84 per cent of the crop has been taken off.

On a provincial basis, the winter wheat and fall rye harvest is complete, and the pea, lentil, and triticale harvest is nearing completion. Sunflower, flax, and canaryseed crops are less than three-quarters complete.

Over 90 per cent of the barley has been harvested. Crop reporters expect that 43 per cent of the barley crop will grade malt, 46 per cent will grade 1 CW and the remainder will grade 2 CW. The 10-year crop report average is 30 per cent malt, 49 per cent 1 CW, and 21 per cent 2 CW.

Rain, snow and wind caused the majority of crop damage during the past week. While most areas of the province were either dry or drying out and therefore benefited from the moisture, the central and northern areas needed another week of dry weather to work on harvest. Central and northern areas averaged over 65 mm of rain, and will require warm, drying weather to resume harvest operations.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 17, 2006

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	6	9	100	93	85
Spring wheat	6	40	22	93	25	50
Durum	3	31	17	96	49	56
Oats	13	33	21	85	20	41
Barley	7	36	20	92	38	54
Fall rye	0	3	6	100	89	84
Triticale	1	28	13	99	39	54
Flax	24	18	16	60	7	22
Canola	12	62	43	88	29	45
Mustard	4	26	16	93	53	62
Sunflowers	0	9	3	4	1	1
Lentils	1	17	11	99	73	75
Peas	1	14	9	99	80	82
Canary seed	21	27	17	70	12	30
Chickpeas	4	13	7	92	29	34
Total	**7**	**37**	**22**	**91**	**37**	**52**

1 Year Ago

Cool, wet weather continued to delay harvest progress.

Thirty seven per cent of the crop was combined - ranging from 67% done in the southwest to 11% done in the northwest.

Crop damage came from migrating birds, lodging, bleaching, staining, and sprouting.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	98	94
Durum	95	91
Oats	93	87
Barley	99	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	97
Flax	78	61
Canola	96	93
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	88	74
Chickpeas	92	91
Total	**94**	**90**

The south eastern region was generally warm and dry for the first part of last week, and then turned cloudy and cool. An average of 15 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in Crop Districts (CDs) 1a and 2a, and an average high of 23 mm reported in CD 3ase. Localized wind and drought damage was reported across the region. Frost was reported in the Montmartre area.

Ninety-four per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been harvested and a further 4% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, lentils, and peas is complete. Flax and sunflowers are less than 80% harvested.

Almost all of the barley has been harvested in the southeast. Crop reporters expect 30% to 50% of that to grade malt, and 45% to 70% to grade 1 CW.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved this past week. Thirty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short compared with 64% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 45% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 72% last week.

Sawflies continued to cause crop damage and wheat midge caused downgrading on some wheat samples. The rain caused some bleaching in the Moose Jaw area. There is a shortage of straw in the Minton area.

Some more acres were planted to winter cereals this past week, and some reporters expect more may be seeded now that there has been some moisture.

Dugouts are drying up in the Wawota area. Pastures are out of grass or almost out of grass in a number of areas, resulting in cattle being moved to other feeding areas or supplemental feeding on pastures.

Farmers have been spraying fall herbicides, baling straw, harrowing, hauling bales, bunching flax straw, repairing buildings and machinery, and fixing fence.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The past week turned from hot and dry to cool and wet in the southwest. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 19 mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 45 mm reported in CD 3bn. Over 70 mm of rain was reported in the Outlook area. Localized wind damage was reported in CD 3b. Flooding damage was reported in the Lucky Lake area. Reporters in CDs 3b and 4a reported snow in their areas – up to 4 inches.

South western harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	97
Durum	97	96
Oats	96	93
Barley	97	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	69	56
Canola	100	99
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	50	0
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	88	88
Chickpeas	94	82
Total	**97**	**96**

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been combined and a further 2% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, canola, peas, and lentils is complete. Flax and sunflowers are the only crops less than 70% harvested.

Some fall crops were seeded this past week, and more may be seeded now that there is some moisture.

Ninety-seven per cent of the barley has been harvested in the southwest. Crop reporters expect 33% to 55% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved this past week. Twenty-eight per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short compared with 84% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 37% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 84% last week.

Livestock owners in the Bengough area are worried about water for their stock over the winter. Some in the Bengough, Mankota, and Assiniboia areas are already hauling water for their cattle. Dugouts are also under pressure in the Mossbank area. Some farmers are already feeding their cattle as pastures are not productive.

There were reports of crops bleaching, as well as damage from ducks, geese, and gophers.

Farmers are hauling bales, picking rocks, working summerfallow, and spraying herbicide.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	91	82
Durum	93	85
Oats	86	66
Barley	92	84
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	44	22
Canola	84	77
Mustard	82	70
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	99	98
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	60	38
Chickpeas	80	80
Total	87	78

The east central region saw a sunny, warm week turn to windy, cool, and wet. An average of 63 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 37 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 96 mm reported in CD 5b. Up to 175 mm was reported in the Rose Valley area. Damage from flooding, wind, and hail was reported across the region. In the Kelvington area, some dry canola was hit hard by hail. There was some light hail damage in the Watrous area.

Eighty-seven per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been harvested and a further 12% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, and peas is complete. Sunflowers and flax are the only crops less than 50% harvested.

Over 90 % of the barley has been harvested in the east central region. Crop reporters expect 36% to 49% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 58% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 18% last week. However 25% of reporters rate their moisture conditions as surplus. Conditions are also similar on hay and pasture land with 58% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 13% last week.

Crop reporters told of bleaching, staining, and lodging.

In the Jedburgh area, cattle were being moved onto stubble fields and some producers were beginning to feed their stock. Cattle were also being moved off pastures in the Lumsden area.

More seeding of fall crops was completed last week.

Farmers are leveling ruts, applying herbicides, harrowing, rock picking, bunching flax straw, and baling straw.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	95	87
Durum	97	91
Oats	86	71
Barley	94	88
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	90
Flax	35	19
Canola	95	88
Mustard	94	70
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	52	47
Chickpeas	85	63
Total	95	87

The west central region was hot and dry until Wednesday with rain and snow the rest of the past week. An average of 73 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 57 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 93 mm reported in CD 6b. Over 130 mm was reported in the Hanley area. Flooding and wind damage was reported throughout the region, including scattering of swaths, lodging, and twisting.

Ninety- five per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been harvested and a further 5% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, and peas is complete. Less than 40% of the flax and sunflower crop have been harvested.

Over 90% of the barley has been harvested in the west central region. Crop reporters expect 40% to 80% of that to be malt quality.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got a bit wetter this past week, with over one-third of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to none giving that rating last week. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 22% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

Sawflies continued to damage crops across the region. Most of the damage came from weathering and lodging. There is some concern as to how much grain piled on the ground will shed the rain.

Fall seeding is generally done and the rain should be beneficial.

Farmers are spraying herbicide and harrowing.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The north eastern region's sunny week turned cool with rain and snow. An average of 127 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 98 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 131 mm reported in CD 8b. Over 150 mm was reported in the Porcupine Plain, Tisdale, and Lake Lenore areas. Flooding and wind damage were reported across the region. The heavy wind and pounding rain had a devastating effect on many crops that still remain to be harvested. Hail damage was reported in the Humboldt and Bruno areas.

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	90	79
Durum	97	83
Oats	77	62
Barley	88	83
Fall rye	100	98
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	29	15
Canola	84	71
Mustard	67	63
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	100
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	46	41
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	85	75

Eighty-five per cent of the 2006 north eastern crop has been harvested and a further 13% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, and lentils is complete. Less than 30% of the flax has been harvested.

Almost 90% of the barley has been harvested in the northeast. Crop reporters expect 35% to 50% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are much wetter than last week with 89% of reporters citing surplus moisture conditions, compared to none last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were also wetter with 83% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

There were some reports of bleaching. Some bales are standing in water.

Farmers were spraying weeds, harrowing, and trying to level ruts in the fields. Some seeded winter wheat.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	88	79
Durum	85	85
Oats	69	63
Barley	79	74
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	97
Flax	12	4
Canola	84	78
Mustard	40	40
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	95	95
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	50	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	84	78

The north western region was cold with rain and snow this past week. An average of 64 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 56 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 75 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 100 mm of rain was reported in the Duck Lake and Shellbrook areas. Flooding, frost, and wind damage were reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in the North Battleford area.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been combined and a further 14% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat and fall rye is complete. Over 80% of the flax remains to be harvested.

Almost 80% of the barley has been harvested in the northwest. Crop reporters expect one-quarter to one-third of that to grade malt. Some reporters indicated that there was more wheat midge and sawfly damage than expected.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past week, with 30% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with none last week. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 20% last week.

Reporters expressed concern about bleaching, sprouting, and lodging. Geese also caused crop damage.

Fall crops are germinating evenly in the Delmas area. Some reporters are concerned that standing water in fields may damage fall crops. Some winter wheat was seeded this past week.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Sept 17, 2006
(total of all crops)

Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	98	0
1b	92	0
2a	91	0
2b	95	0
3ase	98	1
3asw	96	1
3an	90	0
3bs	99	0
3bn	91	6
4a	99	1
4b	98	2
South	**95**	**1**
5a	88	0
5b	83	0
6a	88	0
6b	93	0
7a	85	8
7b	95	1
Central	**88**	**1**
8a	89	0
8b	85	0
9ae	73	0
9aw	82	0
9b	81	2
North	**84**	**0**
SK	**90**	**1**

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 16, 2006

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	2	166
	2	Mount Pleasant	25	230
	3 B	Enniskillen	16	195
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	155
	34	Browning	8	259
	35	Benson	1	213
	63 A	Moose Mountain	12	229
	64	Brock	11	239
	65	Tecumseh	2	232
1B	91	Maryfield	10	172
	92	Walpole	6	213
	92 B	Walpole	18	234
	93	Wawken	10	240
	95	Golden West	7	247
	121	Moosomin	20	271
	122	Martin	20	273
	123	Silverwood	NIL	292
	124	Kingsley	6	256
	125	Chester	17	248
	151 A	Rocanville	8	309*
	151 B	Rocanville	38	449
	154	Elcapo	10	258
	155	Wolseley	12	291
2A	36	Cymri	5	301
	67	Weyburn	TR	212
	68	Brokenshell	TR	218
	69	Norton	24	261
	96	Fillmore	15	263
	97	Wellington	8	289
	99	Caledonia	13	236
2B	126	Montmartre	30	255
	127	Francis	7	245
	128	Lajord	6	155
	129	Bratt's Lake	4	211
	131	Baildon	28	315
	156 A	Indian Head	38	276
	156 B	Indian Head	32	275
	157	South Qu'appelle	15	248
	158	Edenwold	18	221
	160	Pense	15	278
	161	Moose Jaw	19	401
	191	Marquis	34	313
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	38	295
	38 A	Laurier	14	269
	38 B	Laurier	16	228
	39 A	The Gap	34	213
	39 B	The Gap	15	211
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	31	199
	12	Poplar Valley	1	172
	40	Bengough	27	241
	42	Willow Bunch	9	205
	43 A	Old Post	28	184
	43 B	Old Post	18	180
	70	Key West	22	234
	71 A	Excel	29	238
	71 B	Excel	33	266
	71 C	Excel	3	278
	73 A	Stonehenge	36	281
3AN	101 A	Terrell	39	243
	101 B	Terrell	11	216
	102	Lake Johnston	38	240
	103	Sutton	NIL	236*
	132	Hillsborough	32	309
	134	Shamrock	26	294
	193	Eyebrow	55	356
	194	Enfield	48	270
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	26	177
	17 B	Val Marie	41	184
	45	Mankota	18	240
	46	Glen Mcpherson	28	199
	75 B	Pinto Creek	25	246
	76 A	Auvergne	37	198
	76 B	Auvergne	48	236
	77	Wise Creek	40	154
	78 A	Grassy Creek	34	191
	78 B	Grassy Creek	23	138
	78 C	Grassy Creek	30	181
	105	Glenbain	50	414
	106	Whiska Creek	34	246
	108	Bone Creek	32	198
3BN	136	Coulee	47	296
	138	Webb	38	283
	165	Morse	62	287
	166	Excelsior	16	258
	167	Sask. Landing	40	266
	225	Canaan	50	252
	226	Victory	42	251
	228 B	Lacadena	40	284
	255	Coteau	73	399
4A	19	Frontier	18	187
	49 B	White Valley	20	182
	51	Reno	12	165
	79	Arlington	22	149*
	109	Carmichael	23	197
	110	Piapot	15	162
	111 A	Maple Creek	20	162
	111 B	Maple Creek	20	167
4B	139	Gull Lake	22	194
	141	Big Stick	20	178
	169	Pittville	30	152
	231	Happyland	23	231
	232	Deer Forks	20	220
5A	152	Spy Hill	11	333
	183	Fertile Belt	21	319
	185	Mcleod	15	228
	186	Abernethy	28	258
	187	North Qu'appelle	35	244
	211	Churchbridge	13	298
	213	Saltcoats	34	261
	216	Tullymet	88	394
	217 B	Lipton	34	277
	241	Calder	25	258
	243	Wallace	46	282
	245 A	Garry	40	295
	245 B	Garry	63	391
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	61	342
	247	Kellross	44	413
	248	Touchwood	43	300
5B	271	Cote	42	270
	273	Sliding Hills	62	266
	275 B	Insinger	52	330
	276	Foam Lake	95	391
	277	Emerald	68	352
	304	Buchanan	51	324
	307	Elfros	114	449
	308	Big Quill	60	269
	335	Hazel Dell	93	389
	336	Sasman	110	383
	337	Lakeview	124	465
	338	Lakeside	124	423
	366 A	Kelvington	109	371
	366 B	Kelvington	105	442
	367	Ponass Lake	152	546
	367 B	Ponass Lake	175	358
6A	189	Lumsden	23	334
	190 A	Dufferin	13	209
	190 B	Dufferin	41	330
	190 C	Dufferin	22	276
	219 C	Longlaketon	28	243
	220	Mckillop	31	324
	221	Sarnia	43	309
	222	Craik	37	348
	251	Big Arm	41	252
	252	Arm River	30	262
	279 A	Mount Hope	58	306
	279 B	Mount Hope	61	331*
	280	Wreford	50	253
	282	Mccraney	68	321
	309	Prairie Rose	92	372
	312	Morris	57	318
	313	Lost River	100	299
	339 B	Leroy	102	390
	340 A	Wolverine	90	402
	340 B	Wolverine	123	434
	341	Viscount	75	308
	343	Blucher	92	358
6B	254	Loreburn	72	312
	283	Rosedale	90	291
	284	Rudy	73	341
	285	Fertile Valley	55	328
	286	Milden	68	311
	314	Dundurn	134	387
	344	Corman Park	100	313
	345	Vanscoy	84	334
	346	Perdue	91	356
	376 A	Eagle Creek	122	386
	376 B	Eagle Creek	122	356
	404	Laird	101	365
7A	288	Pleasant Valley	42	257
	292	Milton	35	277
	317 B	Marriott	68	308
	317 C	Marriott	70	297
	318 A	Mountain View	56	331
	318 B	Mountain View	69	321
	320	Oakdale	63	261
	321	Prairiedale	72	392
	322	Antelope Park	34	291
7B	347 A	Biggar	73	353
	347 B	Biggar	89	266
	350 A	Mariposa	50	215
	350 B	Mariposa	46	270
	351	Progress	55	296
	352	Heart's Hill	52	286
	377	Glenside	128	381
	378 A	Rosemount	56	307
	378 B	Rosemount	54	256
	379	Reford	60	298
	382	Eye Hill	82	390
	409	Buffalo	65	283
	410	Round Valley	58	278
8A	395	Porcupine	157	494
	397	Barrier Valley	155	523
	398	Pleasantdale	100	413
	428	Star City	96	374
	456	Arborfield	140	462
	458	Willow Creek	101	396
	487	Nipawin	145	477
8B	369	St. Peter	152	582
	370	Humboldt	145	399
	371	Bayne	131	411
	372	Grant	106	361
	373	Aberdeen	138	350
	400	Three Lakes	140	388
	402	Fish Creek	139	397
	429 A	Flett's Springs	139	401
	429 B	Flett's Springs	115	391
	430	Invergordon	131	440
	459	Kinistino	105	356
9AE	488	Torch River	104	408
	520	Paddockwood	92	473
9AW	405	Great Bend	79	279
	406	Mayfield	88	336
	435	Redberry	63	334
	436	Douglas	78	418
	436 B	Douglas	40	205*
	463	Duck Lake	113	372
	464	Leask	100	433
	466	Meeting Lake	69	352
	467	Round Hill	72	405
	493	Shellbrook	110	360
	494	Canwood	81	405
	496	Spiritwood	40	351
	497	Medstead	51	268
	555	Big River	60	383
9B	438 A	Battle River	62	329
	438 B	Battle River	80	339
	440	Hillsdale	56	254
	442	Manitou Lake	98	358
	468	Meota	40	289
	472	Wilton	86	372
	498 A	Parkdale	30	250
	498 B	Parkdale	54	262
	499	Mervin	68	322
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	30	241
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	48	249
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	39	247
	502	Britannia	67	329
	561	Loon Lake	61	260
	588 B	Meadow Lake	33	331
	588 C	Meadow Lake	95	320
	588 D	Meadow Lake	35	282
	622	Beaver River	24	242

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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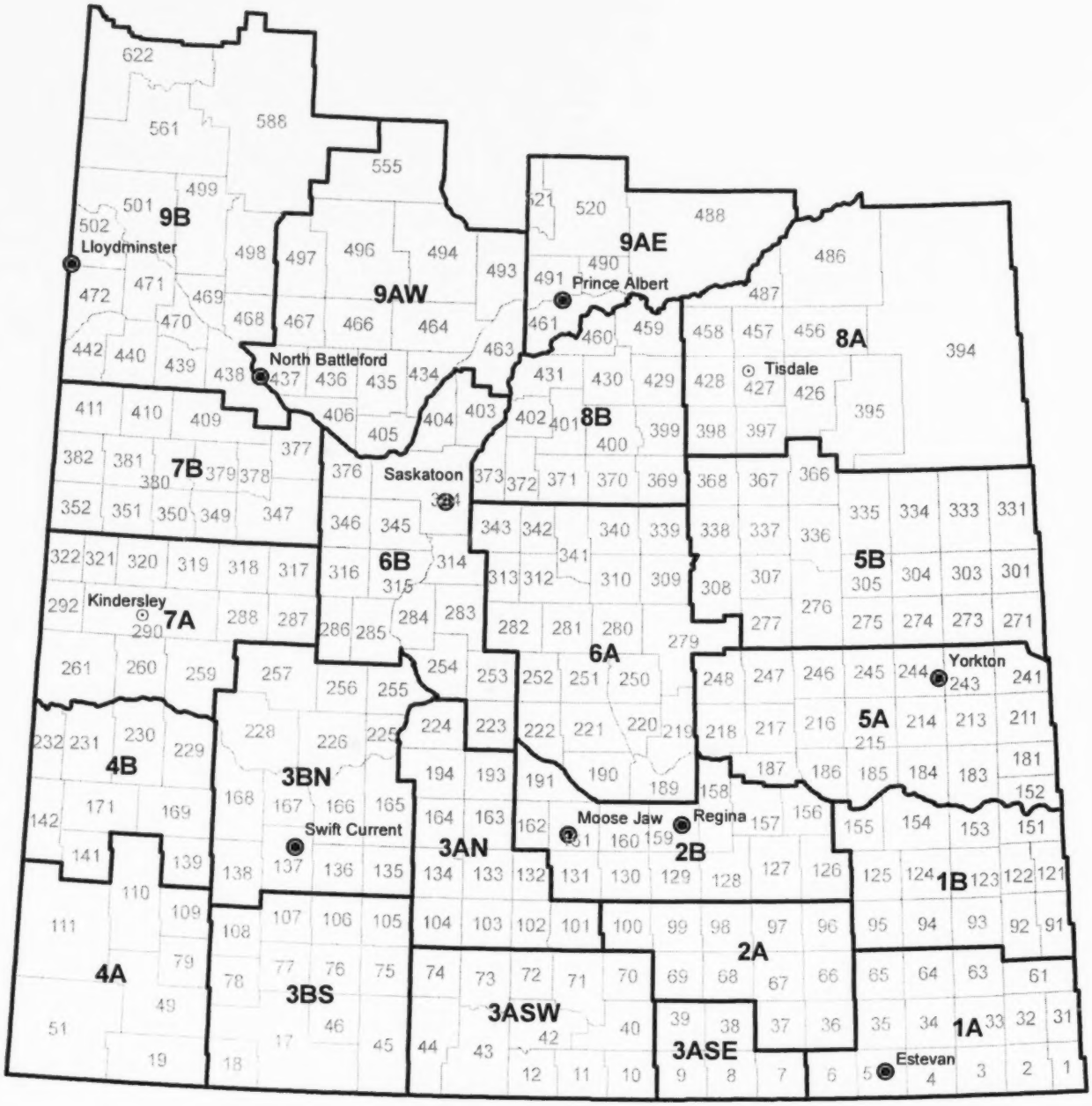
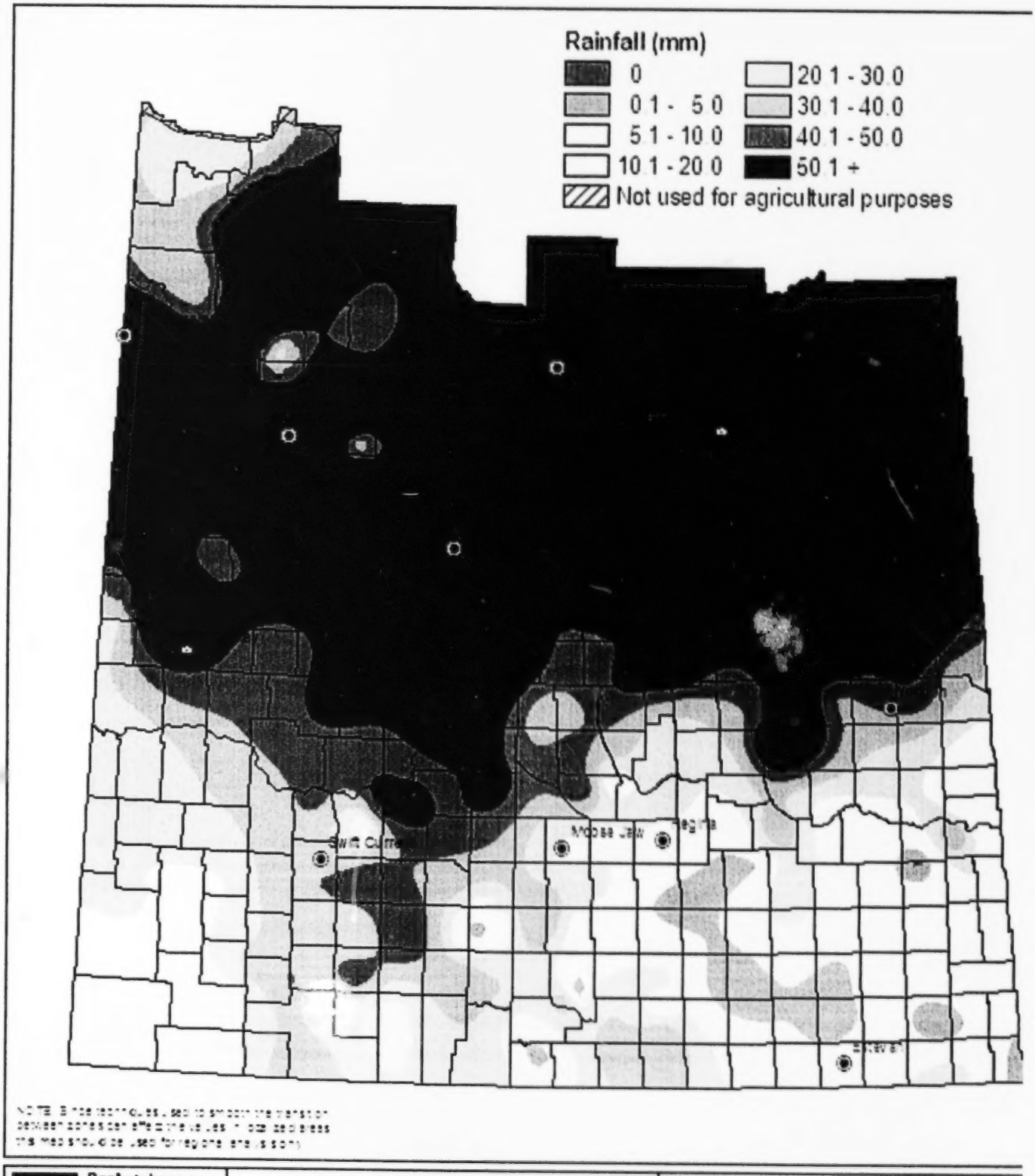
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
and
Rural Municipalities



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending September 16, 2006



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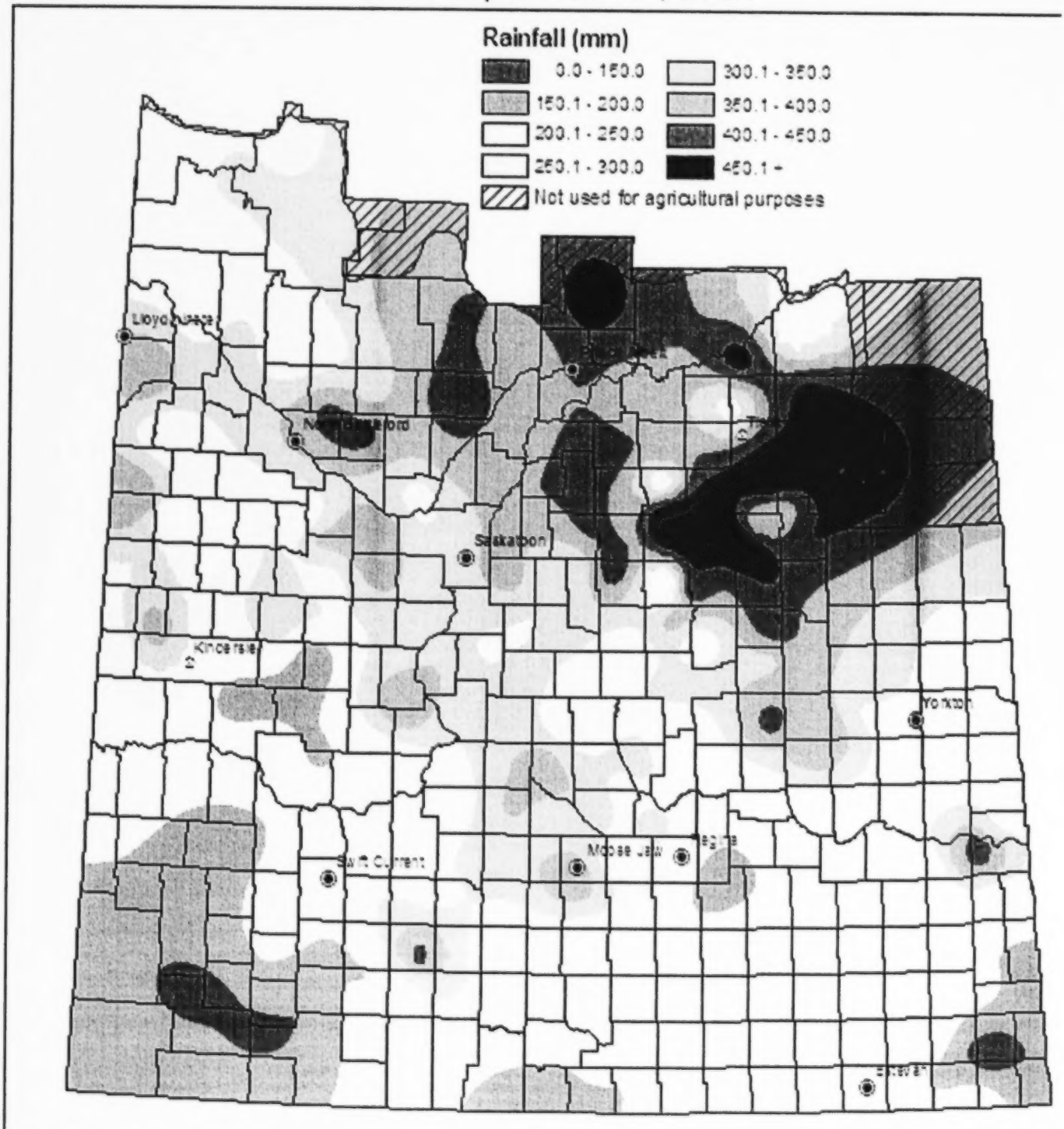
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: September 16, 2006



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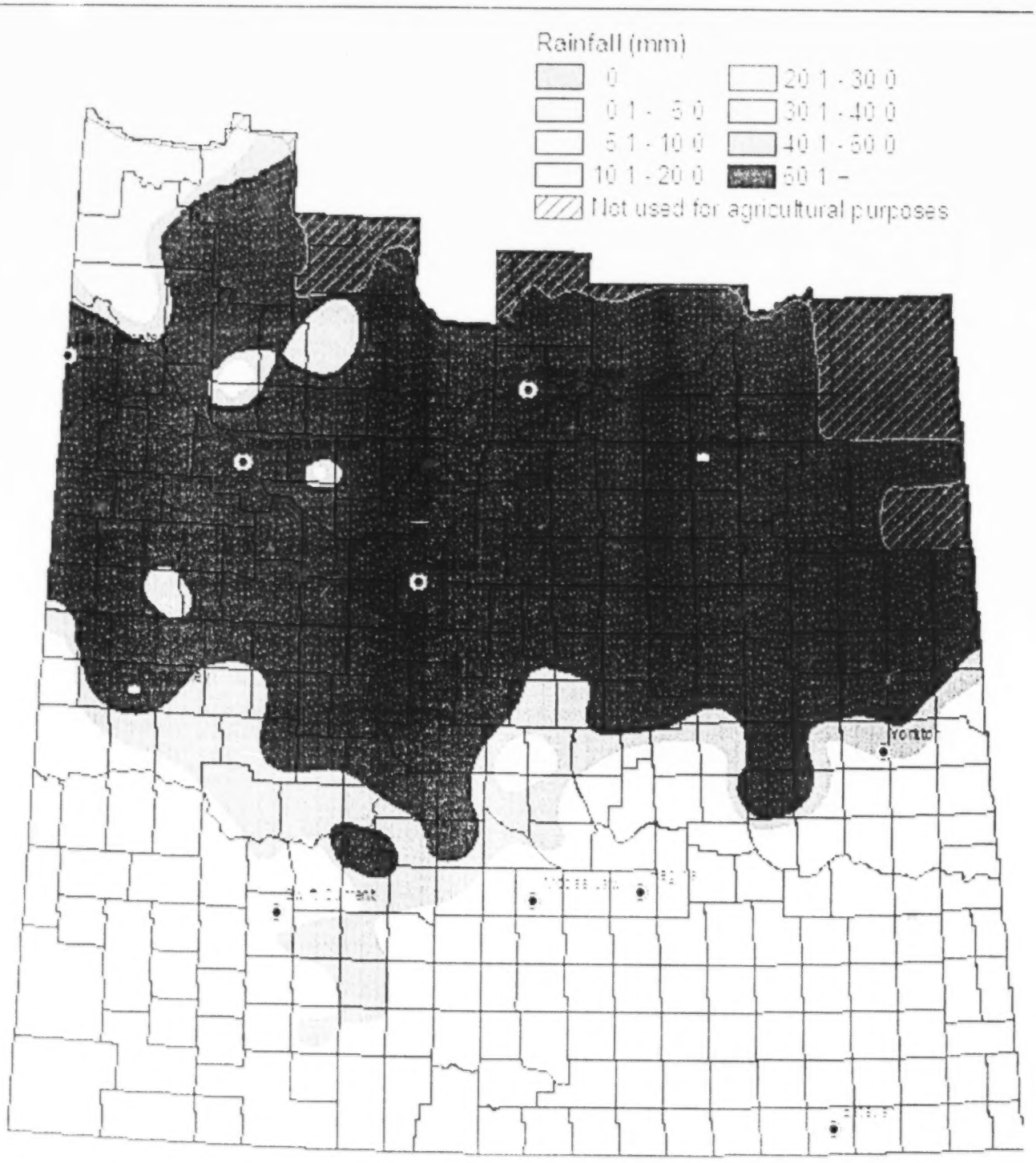

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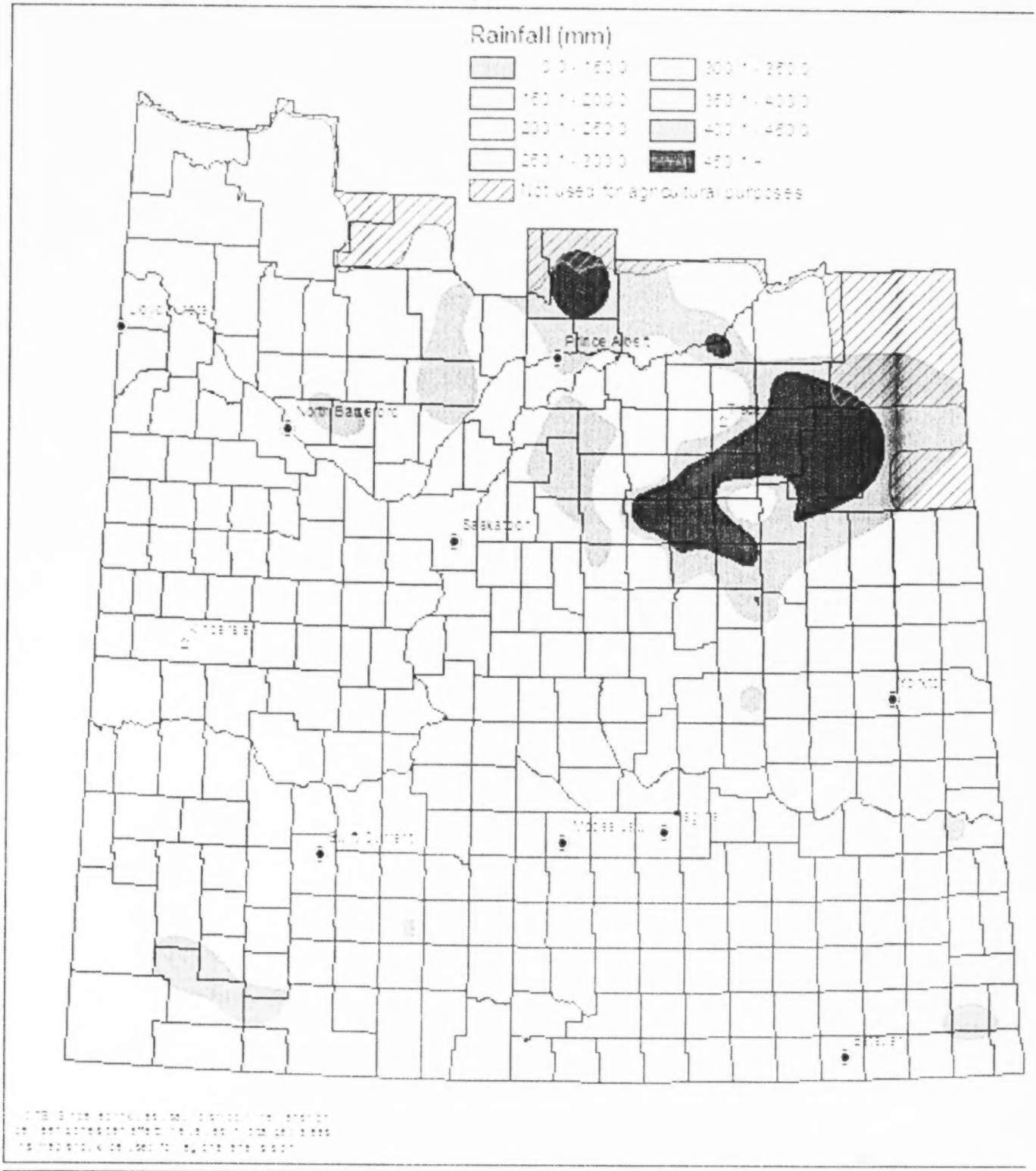
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: September 16, 2006



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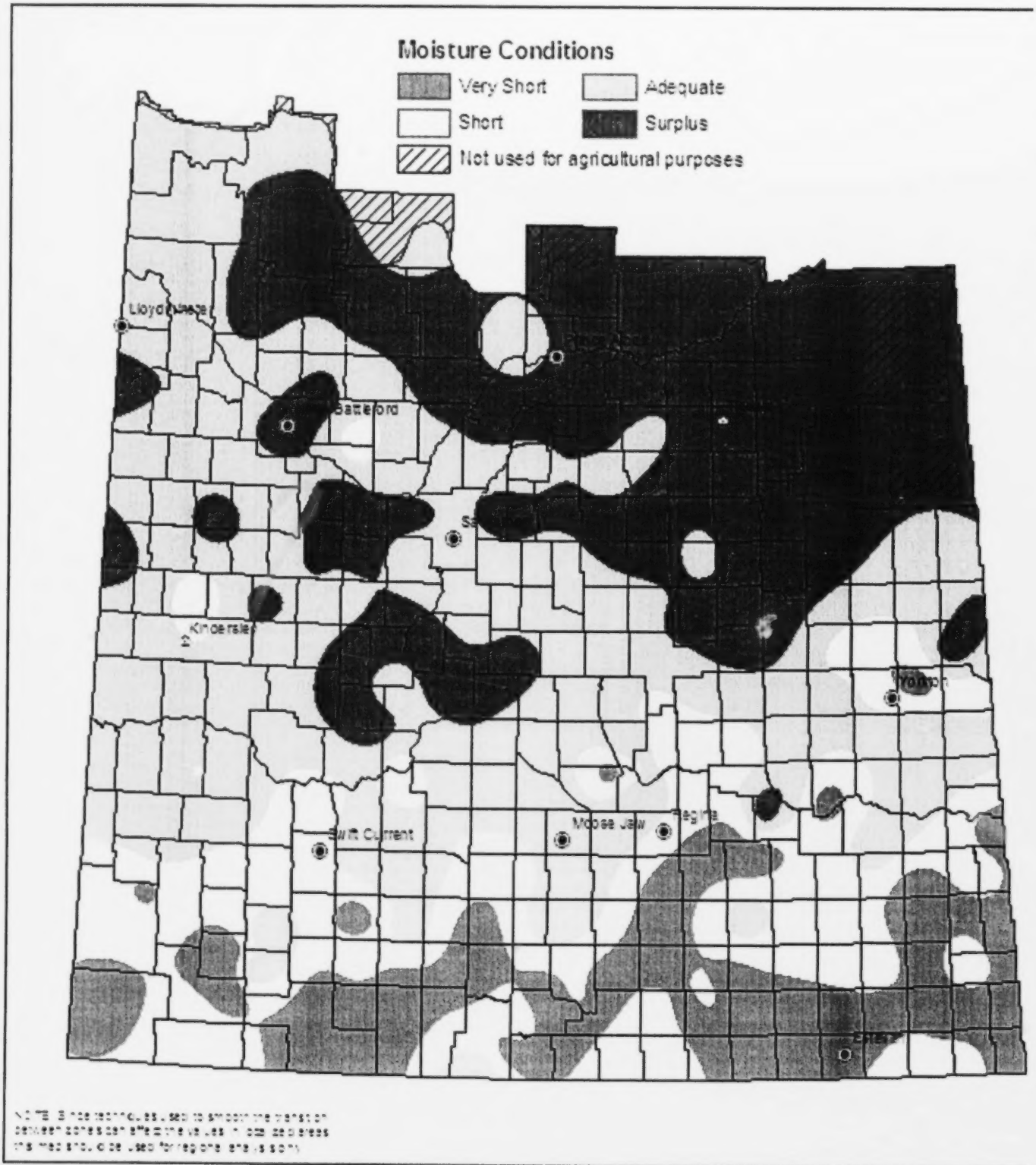
Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

September 17, 2006



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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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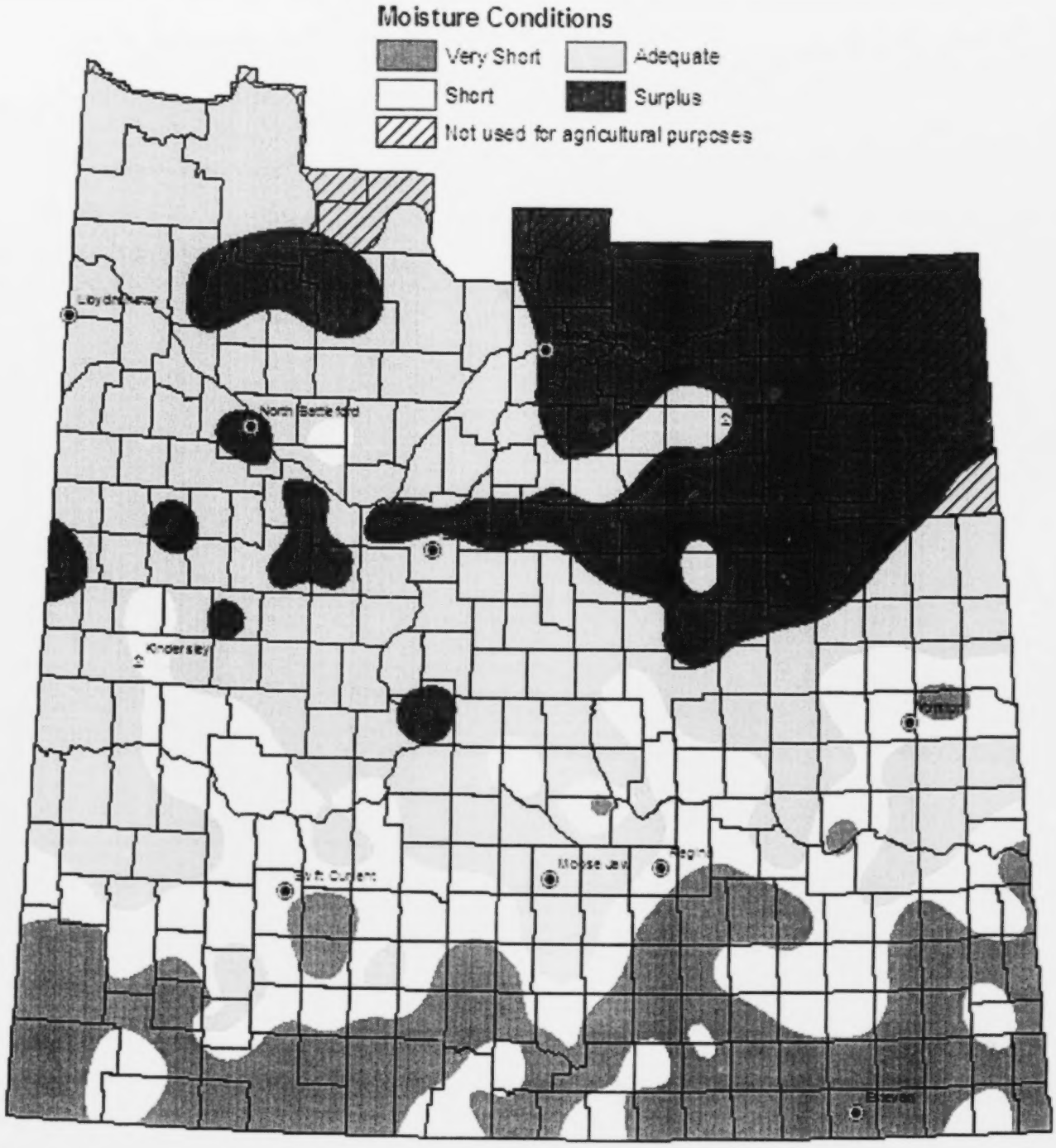

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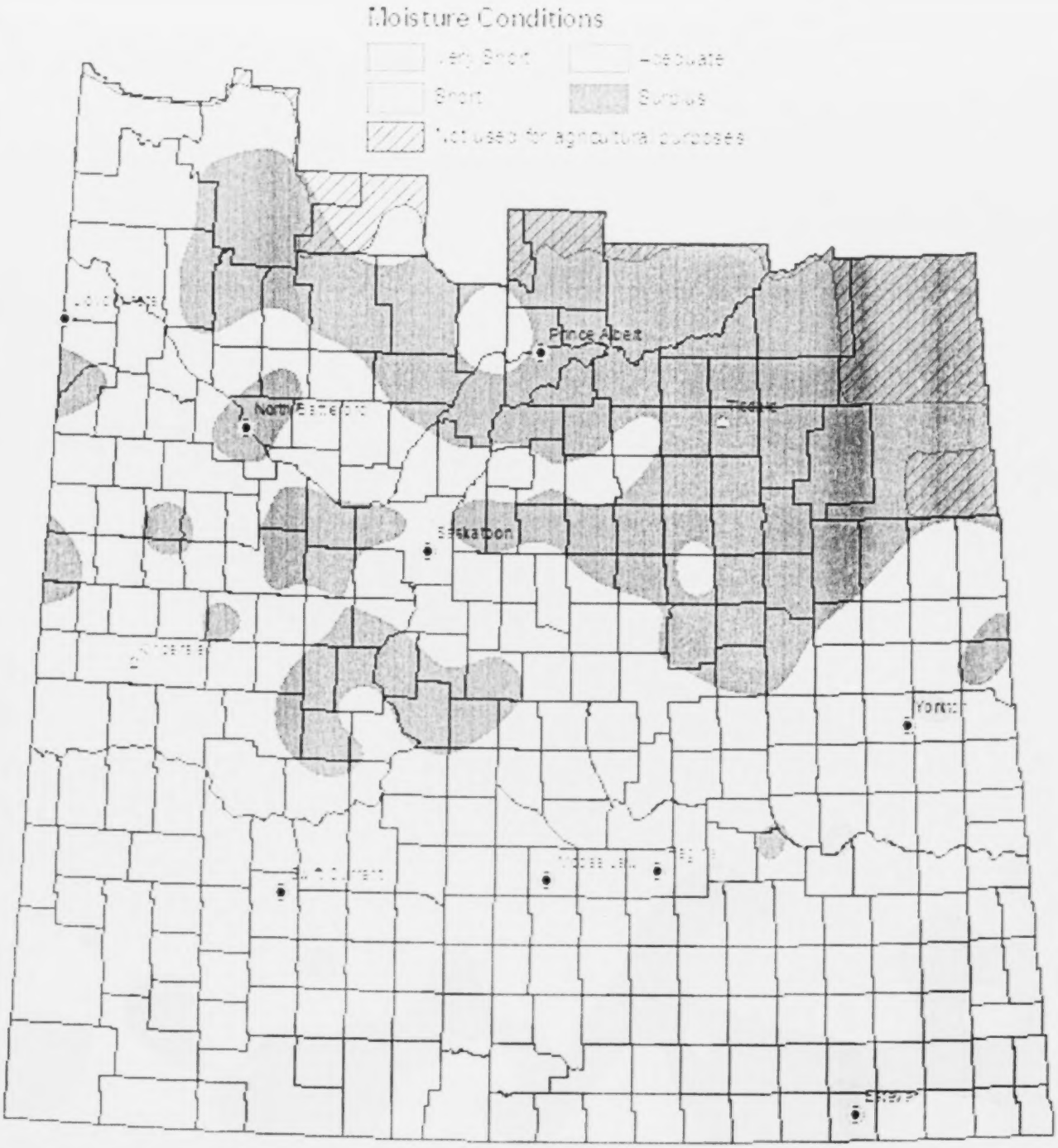

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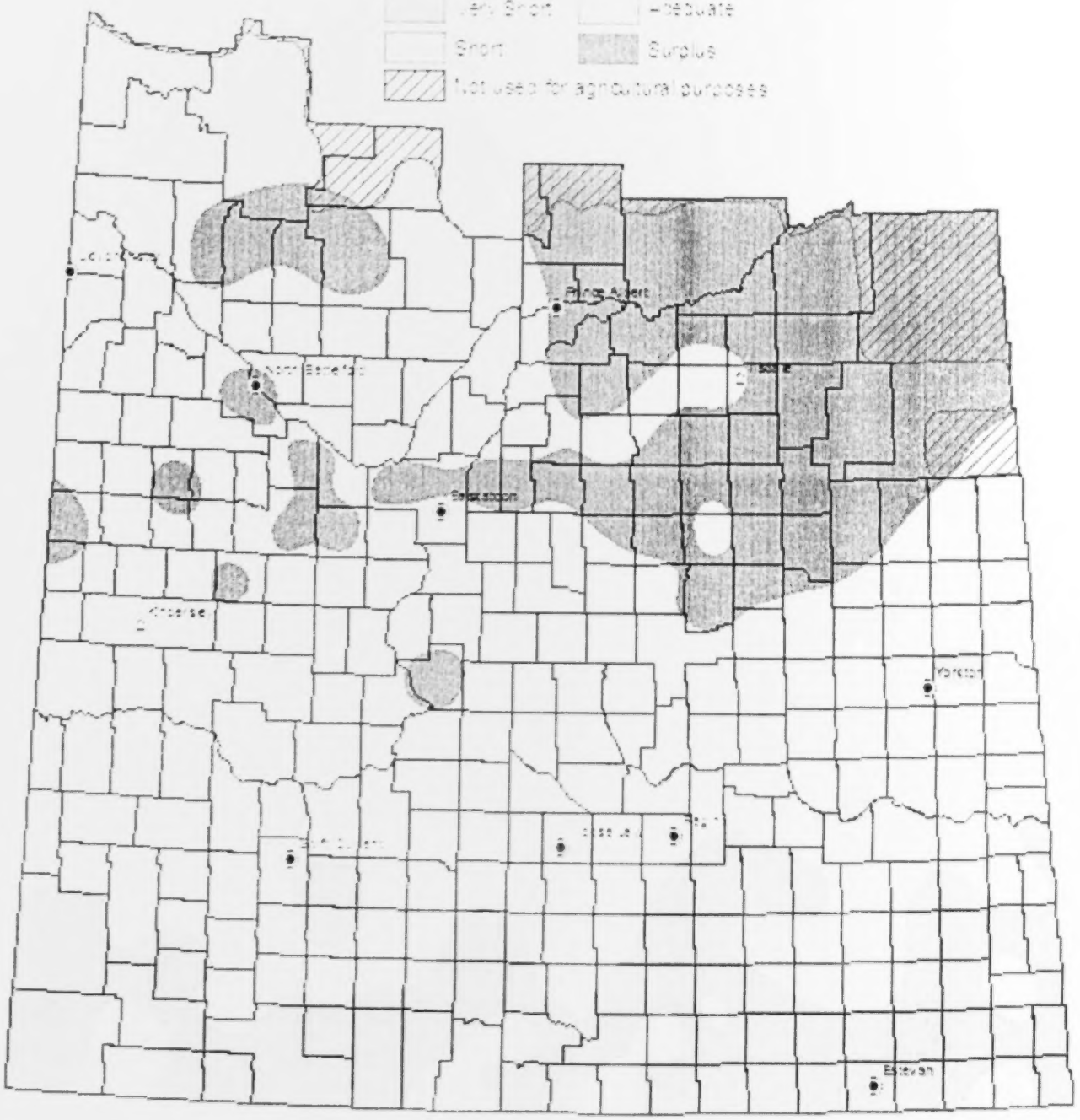

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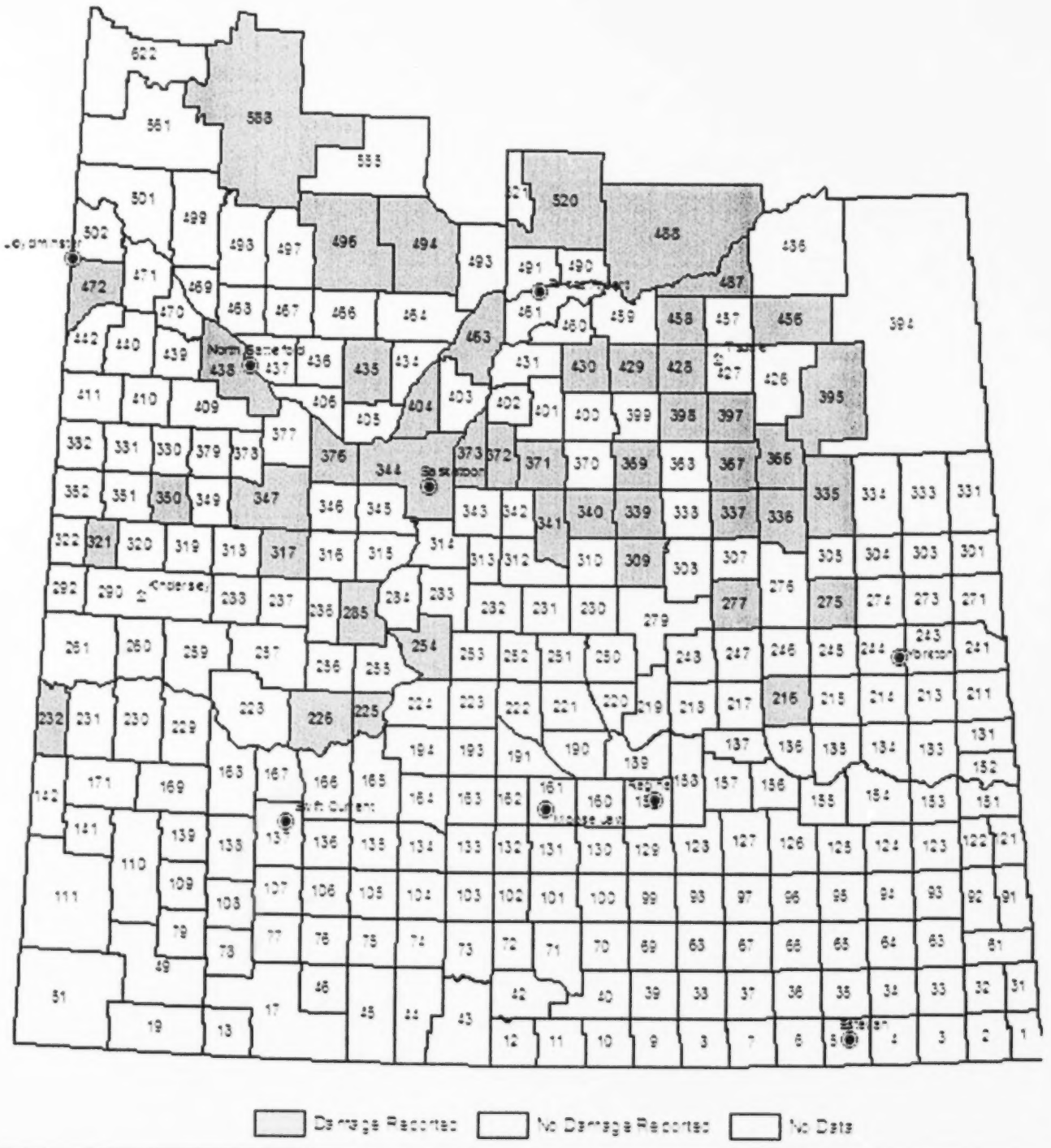
Crop Damage - Flood

for the week ending September 16, 2006



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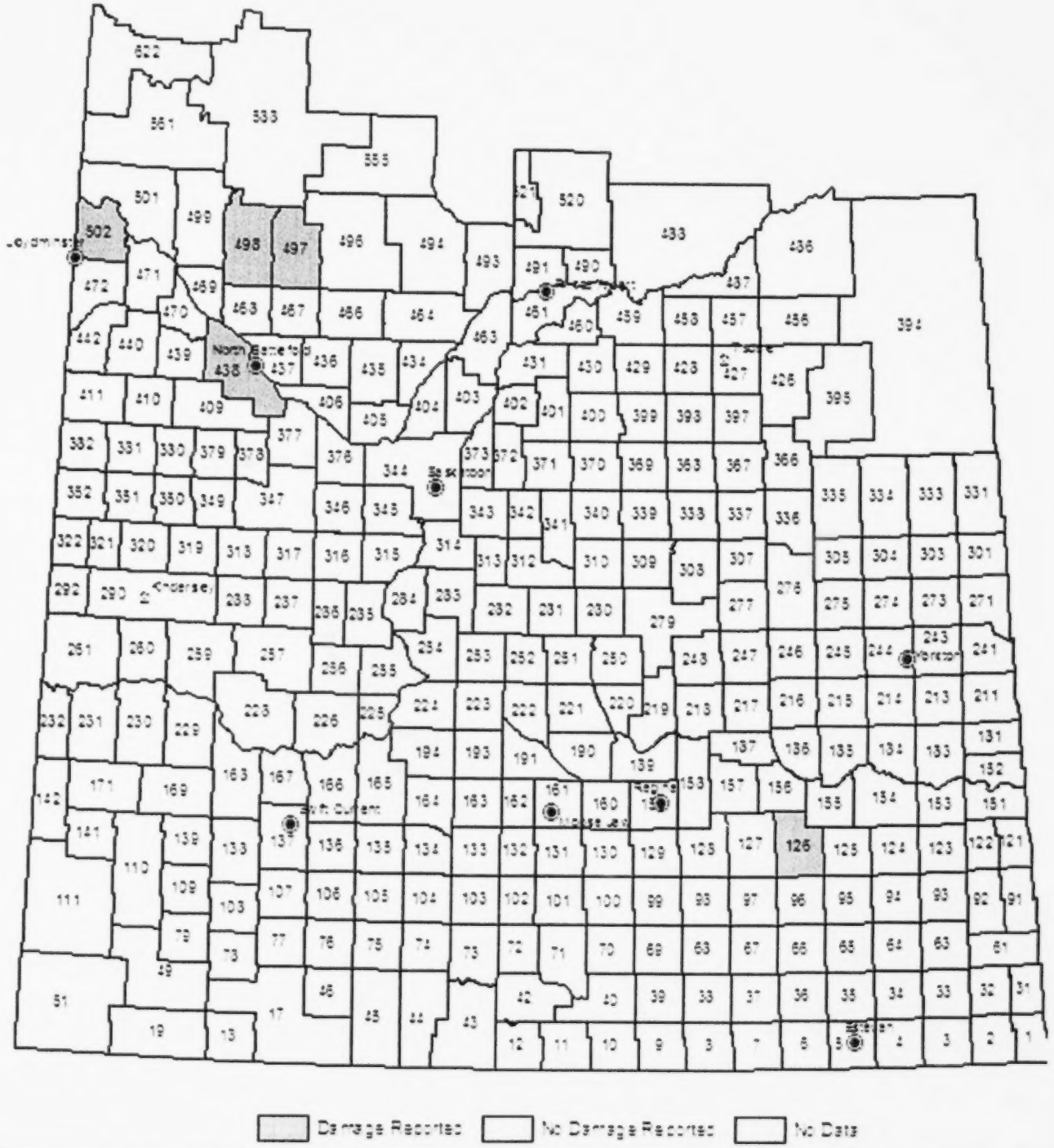

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Crop Damage - Wind

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